

**Amend 932.9 and 959.2 Cumulative Impacts Assessment Checklist**

Appendix Technical Rule Addendum No. 2

**e. Hardwood Cover:** Hardwoods provide an important element of habitat diversity in the coniferous forest and are utilized as a source of food and/or cover by a large proportion of the state's bird and mammal species. Productivity of deer and other species has been directly related to mast crops. Hardwood cover can be estimated using the basal area per acre provided by hardwoods of all species.

Post-harvest deciduous oak retention for the maintenance of habitats for mule deer and other hardwood-associated wildlife shall be guided by the Joint Policy on Hardwoods between the California Board of Forestry and California Fish and Game Commission (5/9/94). To sustain wildlife, a diversity of stand structural and seral conditions, and tree size and age classes of deciduous oaks should be retained in proportions that are ecologically sustainable. Regeneration and recruitment of young deciduous oaks should be sufficient over time to replace mortality of older trees. Deciduous oaks should be present in sufficient quality and quantity, and in appropriate locations to provide functional habitat elements for hardwood-associated wildlife.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4551 and 21080.5, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4512, 4513, 4551.5, 4582.6, 21000(g), 21002, and 21080.5, Public Resources Code; *Natural Resources Defence Council, Inc. v. Arcata Nat. Corp I* (1976) 59 Cal.App.3d 959; 131 Cal.Rptr. 172; *Laupheimer v. State* (1988) 200 Cal.App.3d 440; 246 Cal.Rptr. 82.

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